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bill at all.

SPEAKER: Senator Cope, do you yield?

SENATOR COPE: Yes. Senator Dickinson, actually the committee were reasonably...they liked the original bill but in talking to people, we thought this was a clarification. The 3% I still think is better. Maybe it would be a good thing to explain the bill a little before we go into the amendment. I thought the procedure was to talk the amendment over first and then go into the bill.

SENATOR DICKINSON: If it is proper, Mr. President, and I know we are suppose to be addressing ourselves to the George amendment but I think it all ties together. We have to talk...I think Senator Cavanaugh raised a legitimate question about maybe a confusing part. Now let me put another question in the same area that he was questioning. If a city in Douglas County, for instance, decided to create the first committee, can they then assess a tax against all the lodging facilities in the county.

SENATOR COPE: No. The theory..let me take...

SENATOR DICKINSON: But the county can create one and assess it against those within the county and the city, which, of course, is a part of the county.

SENATOR COPE: That is true.

SENATOR DICKINSON: And the county would then be able to use it for promotion purposes out at Ginger Cove, for instance, instead of in Omaha. This would be possible. I think we have got some confusion in this amendment.

SENATOR COPE: Well, it doesn't...

SENATOR DICKINSON: That's what I am wondering. If this really helps or if it cloudies it more than the bill originally, if, in fact, it did at all.

SENATOR COPE: Let me take Buffalo County. I can tell you more. This is where the bill originated. If the bill or if this is a law, we can...the city council can enact it. Then Kearney would set the wheels in motion. If the county should decide at a later date to do the same thing, the rest of the cities in the county would be under that jurisdiction. Then the members on the committee as the terms end on the city, it would be treated as a county project. It is as simple as that.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. President and colleagues, I don't want to appear against the bill nor against the George amendment because I think the flexibility is good and I would like to see Senator Cope rescind his motion and that would...then there would be no need for the amendment. But Senator Cope, I kind of feel that you ought to bracket this thing temporarily until you kind of clean it up because I think Senator John Cavanaugh brought out a very important point. If it is true that Valley, Nebraska if they should